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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS****Claim History**

**Claims 1 – 20** are presently pending.

**Claims 1 – 20** are presently rejected.

**Claims 1, 16, and 20** are presently amended.

**Claims 3 and 4** are presently amended to maintain dependency.

**Claims 11, 12, and 13** are presently amended re: 35 USC 112 requirement.

**Claim 2** is presently canceled.

**Listing of Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Claim 1 (currently amended)** A letter opener writing instrument device, comprising:

- i) a writing instrument having a case;
- ii) a pocket clip unit affixed to said writing instrument, and
- iii) a cutting element operatively attached to said device, said cutting element positioned between said writing instrument and said pocket clip unit providing for paper to be cut by the letter opener writing instrument, and
- iv) a stopper affixed to said writing instrument thereby limiting accessibility to said cutting element.

**Claim 2 (canceled)**

**Claim 3 (currently amended)** The letter opener writing instrument device, as recited in Claim [2] 1, further comprising said stopper affixed to said pocket clip unit.

**Claim 4 (currently amended)** The letter opener writing instrument device, as recited in Claim [2] 1, further comprising said stopper affixed to said case.

**Claim 5 (original)** The letter opener writing instrument device, as recited in Claim 1, said device further comprising a spacer positioned between said writing instrument and said pocket clip unit.

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Claim 6 (original) The letter opener writing instrument device, as recited in Claim 5, further comprising said spacer attached to said pocket clip unit.

Claim 7 (original) The letter opener writing instrument device, as recited in Claim 5, further comprising said spacer attached to said case.

Claim 8 (original) The letter opener writing instrument device, as recited in Claim 1, further comprising said pocket clip unit fixedly attached to said case.

Claim 9 (original) The letter opener writing instrument device, as recited in Claim 1, further comprising said pocket clip unit reversibly attached to said case.

Claim 10 (original) The letter opener writing instrument device, as recited in Claim 1, further comprising a contoured protrusion affixed to a distal end of said pocket clip unit.

Claim 11 (currently amended) The letter opener writing instrument device ~~pocket clip cutting element unit~~, as recited in Claim 1, further comprising:

- i) a pocket clip arm, said pocket clip arm having a first end, a second end, and a first surface;
  - ii) means for attaching said pocket clip arm to said writing instrument;
  - iii) said cutting element functionally attached to said first surface of said pocket clip arm proximate said first end of said pocket clip arm,
- wherein said pocket clip cutting element unit is positionable about said writing instrument providing for a letter opener writing instrument.

Claim 12 (currently amended) The letter opener writing instrument device ~~pocket clip cutting element unit~~, as recited in Claim 11, further comprising a stopper wherein said stopper is functionally attached to said clip arm between said cutting element and said second end of said pocket clip arm, therein limiting accessibility to said cutting element.

Claim 13 (currently amended) The letter opener writing instrument device ~~pocket clip cutting element unit~~, as recited in Claim 11, further comprising a stopper wherein said stopper is functionally attached to said case between said cutting element and said second end of said pocket clip arm, therein limiting accessibility to said cutting element.

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Claim 14 (original) The device, as recited in Claim 11, wherein said pocket clip arm is fixedly attached to said means for attachment.

Claim 15 (original) The device, as recited in Claim 11, wherein said pocket clip arm is reversibly attached to said case.

Claim 16 (currently amended) A pocket clip cutting element unit for use with a writing instrument, comprising:

- i) a pocket clip arm, said pocket clip arm having a first end, a second end, and a first surface;
- ii) means for attaching said pocket clip arm to said writing instrument;
- iv) a cutting element functionally attached to said first surface of said pocket clip arm proximate said first end of said pocket clip arm, and
- iv) a stopper affixed to said writing instrument proximate to said second end of said pocket clip arm providing for limited accessibility to said cutting element

wherein said pocket clip cutting element unit is positionable about said writing instrument providing for a letter opener writing instrument.

Claim 17 (original) The pocket clip cutting element unit, as recited in Claim 16, wherein said pocket clip cutting element unit further comprises a contoured protrusion positioned on said first surface of said pocket clip arm at said second end of pocket clip arm.

Claim 18 (original) The pocket clip cutting element unit, as recited in Claim 17, further comprising a stopper wherein said stopper is functionally attached to said clip arm between said cutting element and said contoured protrusion, said stopper thereby defining accessibility to said cutting element.

Claim 19 (original) The pocket clip cutting element unit, as recited in Claim 16, wherein said pocket clip cutting element unit further comprises a spacer, said spacer fixedly attached to said first end of said pocket clip arm.

Claim 20 (currently amended) A letter opener writing instrument device, comprising:

- i) a writing instrument;

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- ii) a pocket clip functionally affixed to said writing instrument; ~~and~~
- iii) a cutting element operatively positioned between said writing instrument and said pocket clip therein providing means for paper to be cut, and
- iv) a stopper operatively affixed to said writing instrument between said writing instrument and said pocket clip and between said cutting element and an end of said pocket clip not affixed to said writing instrument providing for limited accessibility to said cutting element.